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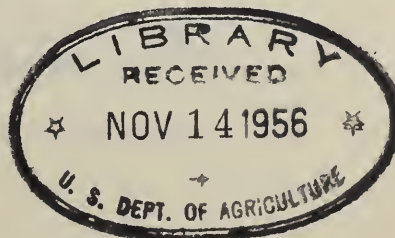
SUGGESTED WAYS IN WHICH DAIRY BREED ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR
MEMBERS CAN COOPERATE IN THE 4-H PROGRAMS

Four-H Club work is a part of the broad program of the United States Department of Agriculture and the nation's land grant colleges. The Cooperative Agricultural Extension Service administers the program in each State. County extension workers are responsible for the supervision of all 4-H Club work in the counties.

Many organizations cooperate with the Extension Service in conducting the 4-H program. Among these are the State and county dairy and breed associations.

To obtain the greatest benefits and to avoid confusion, breeders or associations developing activities or events involving 4-H Club members on a State or district basis will want to work with the State 4-H Club office. Likewise, county breeders and breed associations will want to work with the county extension workers in planning and conducting county or local activities and events involving 4-H Club members in achieving the following objectives of the 4-H dairy program.

1. To develop leadership and help achieve the broad 4-H objectives of character and effective citizenship.
2. To acquire information and an understanding of dairy production practices and skill in executing them through the ownership and care of one or more dairy animals.
3. To understand the full meaning of cleanliness and sanitation as applied to the production and care of milk and dairy products, and to practice these principles at home as well as demonstrate them in the community.
4. To learn to appreciate the nutritive value of dairy products and promote their greater use in the family and community.
5. To develop sportsmanship, ability to cooperate and to speak in public through participation in related activities such as demonstrations, judging, tours or exhibiting.
6. To become acquainted with the processes of marketing dairy products and to contribute to the improvement of the dairy industry in one's own community.
7. To learn to appreciate the contribution of science and its application to the dairy industry.



The 4-H Club program needs the help of breeders of dairy cattle and their organizations. These are some ways to assist -

I. AS STATE ASSOCIATION:

1. Appoint a representative or committee to counsel with the State 4-H Club Department on items relating to the 4-H dairy club program.
2. Together they will develop suggestions in keeping with 4-H policies as to the part State, district and county associations can play in developing a stronger 4-H dairy program.
3. Encourage district and county associations to appoint a representative or committee to work with the county extension personnel in furthering the county and local 4-H dairy program.
4. Assist in making available to 4-H Club members good quality heifers at reasonable prices. This should be done on a county or district basis as conditions warrant. This is preferable to having a few heifers available to 4-H members at a State-wide breed sale.
5. Assist in providing information for 4-H Dairy members through events such as field days and judging contests sponsored by the breed association.
6. Provide recognition for work well done which includes consideration to 4-H Club members who keep and secure creditable milk and butter-fat production records.

II. AS DISTRICT OR COUNTY BREED ASSOCIATIONS:

1. Appoint a district or county 4-H Club committee or designate one breeder in each county who will:
 - a. Contact county extension agents and 4-H Club Committee to determine how they can best help promote 4-H dairy work in county.
 - b. Assist in locating suitable heifers.
 - c. Give 4-H members interested in selecting heifers guidance on kind of heifer to select.
 - d. Invite all 4-H members with (breed) heifers to attend district show or field day.
 - e. Cooperate with veterinarians in seeing that all dairy heifers are able to meet State health standards.
 - f. Encourage individual breeders to give all assistance possible.

- g. Encourage 4-H members to submit records in county extension office to qualify for various dairy awards available on county or State basis.
- h. Cooperate with county extension agents in seeing that necessary nominations are made for county and State dairy awards.
- i. Assist dairy club members in their attendance at district and State dairy activities and the transportation of their animals to district and State shows.
- j. Cooperate with county extension agents in conducting 4-H dairy tours and field days.

III. AS INDIVIDUAL BREEDERS:

- 1. Encourage qualified 4-H members to enroll in dairy projects.
- 2. Offer heifers of good quality at reasonable prices.
- 3. Follow up on heifers sold giving suggestions in feeding and management.
- 4. Develop friendship with parents of 4-H members with (breed) heifers and offer any assistance which may be helpful.
- 5. Encourage members to breed their heifers to best bull available and assist in arranging for sire service when necessary.
- 6. Encourage members to keep records on their animals including production records on cows in milk.
- 7. Cooperate with county extension agents in giving fitting and showing demonstrations.
- 8. Provide classes for judging workouts.
- 9. Volunteer to assist with the leadership of a local 4-H Club.
- 10. Discuss various phases of dairy club work or dairy farming at local 4-H Club meeting.
- 11. Assist club members in becoming familiar with health regulations for exhibit of animals.

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